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Report from the meetings of the RMS Small Drafting Group and request for comments

Please find attached the Chairs' Report of the meetings of the RMS Small Drafting Group (SDG). The report pulls together into a single document, the outcome of SDG meetings held in Borgholm, Sweden, 1-3 December 2004 and in Copenhagen, Denmark, 2-3 April 2005.

The SDG consolidated report will be reviewed by the RMS Working Group when in meets at IWC/57 in Ulsan on Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 June. To facilitate discussions at that meeting, it would be helpful if Contracting Governments wishing to comment on the SDG report could send their comments to the Secretariat by 20 May 2005. They can then be collated and made available prior to the RMS Working Group meeting.

The Chair's Report of the RMS Working Group meeting in Copenhagen, 30 March to 1 April 2005 will be made available shortly.

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